doctors were, however, arrested and three criminal cases registered.

(f) The transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, has since been enforced with effect from 4.2.1995 in the States of Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra and all the Union Territories. All other State Governments have been requested to adopt this act.

(g) There was no delay in this behalf.

AIDS through blood transfusions

2685. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the human immuno deficiency virus (HIV) is increasingly spreading in the country;

(b) whether, according to the latest report of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), a large number of pregnant women patients put on dialysis and others who received blood transfusions have acquired HIV infection;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) what is the number of such cases (State-wise) and what are the reasons for this infection ;and

(e) what remedial/preventive steps Governments have so far taken or propose to take to control the deteriorating situation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Sero Surveillance reports indicate that out of 17830 HIV positive cases detected. 88 were pregnant women. Sentinal Surveillance data in the states of Rajasthan, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra shows a range of HIV Seroprevallence from 0.8% to 2.5% in pregnant women.

(e) A comprehensive programme for the prevention and control of AIDS is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategy of the programme consist of generation of mass awareness about HIV/AIDS and behaviour change, control of sexually transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of Blood; and clinical management of HIV / AIDS cases.

Spread of AIDS in India

2686. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption "India to be 'worst-hit' by AIDS" appearing in the 'The Pioneer' New Delhi dated March 5, 1995; and

(b) if so, what effective measures have been or are being taken by Government to check the spread of AIDS in India and to ensure that more people are not infected with the deadly AIDS virus in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness amongst high risk behaviour groups and general public about HIV/AIDS, control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, better surveillance; and diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.